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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 3.2 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending June 22, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included weed control, planting soybeans and harvesting hay and wheat. Additionally, producers have begun to replant soybeans that were lost to flood waters; and cotton producers are anticipating pin head applications. Soil moisture conditions were rated 2 percent short, 55 percent adequate and 43 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	43	16	61	54	4	10	22	51	13
	Dough	8	3	16	16					
Cotton	Emerged	100	99	100	100	7	18	44	26	5
	Squaring	32	7	88	70					
Rice	Emerged	100	100	100	100	0	3	36	58	3
Sorghum	Planted	100	99	100	100	2	9	36	49	4
	Emerged	99	98	100	98					
	Heading	2	---	20	8					
Soybeans	Planted	86	83	98	89	7	13	25	50	5
	Emerged	78	74	96	83					
	Blooming	9	8	21	7					
Wheat	Mature	97	61	100	99	2	16	52	27	4
	Harvested	65	16	92	76					
Peanuts	Planted	100	100	100	98	0	2	16	80	2
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	28	18	60	73	0	5	85	8	2
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	95	89	99	---	2	10	29	49	10
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	30	21	34	---					
Peaches	Harvested	34	17	45	37	0	1	29	47	24
Watermelons	Planted	97	95	100	99	3	7	30	48	12
Blueberries						0	1	24	50	25
Cattle						0	2	22	54	21
Pasture						0	3	19	59	19

County Agent Comments

"The rain has finally stopped and fields are drying out with four days of sunshine. Farmers are gearing up to replant soybeans and cultivate corn and cotton. Some of the cotton fields will be replanted to soybeans. Hay harvest is also urgent. Disease and insect pressure is on the rise with the hot humid weather."

— Mike Howell, Lee County

"Excessive rainfall has kept farmers out of the fields, and weeds are in abundance. If we have to look for a bright spot with all the soggy fields, we need to be thankful for the chemicals that are out there."

— Jimbo Burhalter, Tallahatchie County

"Growers need some hot, dry weather conditions to finish harvesting wheat, plowing cotton, and planting soybeans. Some soybeans have been planted twice and will need to be replanted again."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"The lake is continuing to rise and flood cotton and corn fields. We have lost 5-10% of each crop to water so far. Pin head will be applied to 90% of our cotton acreage this week."

— Steve Winters, Grenada County

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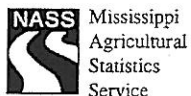
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Weather Summary From June 16, 1997 to June 22, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale													
Cleveland	92	68	80			0.45		1	4.22				
Tunica	92	64	78	78	-1	3.86	+3.21	2	9.60	89	76	82	
Extreme/Average	92	64	79	78	+1	2.16	+1.51	2	6.91	89	76	82	
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	88	62	76	76	+1	2.67	+1.99	2	7.05	88	72	79	0.23
Memphis	94	68	79	79	-0	2.28	+1.58	3	9.60				
Oxford	91	62	77	76	+1	6.44	+5.81	3	11.59				
Extreme/Average	94	62	78	77	+1	3.80	+3.13	3	9.41	88	72	79	0.23
3. Northeast													
Booneville	86	65	75	76	-1	2.96	+2.09	5	12.43				
Corinth	91	66	78	78	-0	4.62	+3.79	3	13.15				
Iuka	86	57	73			3.12		3	13.18				
Pontotoc	89	64	77	77	+1	3.57	+2.52	3	12.54	88	73	80	0.24
Tupelo	89	65	77	78	-1	4.06	+3.05	4	11.52				
Verona	91	66	78			4.21		3	12.41	86	71	77	0.21
Extreme/Average	91	57	76	77	-1	3.76	+2.82	4	12.54	88	71	79	0.22
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	94	68	81	80	+1	0.30	-0.55	1	7.36	95	80	88	
Greenwood	90	65	79	79	-1	0.63	-0.30	3	5.17				
Rolling Fork	95	68	80			0.22	-0.91	1	3.29	101	82	90	0.21
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	91	67	80	80	-0	0.31	-0.60	1	8.86				
Extreme/Average	95	65	80	80	+0	0.37	-0.59	2	6.17	101	80	89	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	92	64	79	78	+1	0.21	-0.68	1	6.58				
Jackson	92	67	79	80	-1	0.24	-0.60	2	7.11				
Winona	87	60	75	76	-1	0.44	-0.42	2	10.82				
Extreme/Average	92	60	78	78	+0	0.30	-0.56	2	8.17				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.69	-0.27	2	8.97	89	73	79	
Columbus	91	66	79			2.10		5	8.19				
State University	91	64	79	78	+1	1.04	+0.04	3	6.25	91	75	82	
Extreme/Average	91	64	79	78	+1	1.57	+0.57	4	7.22	91	73	82	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	67	79			0.72		3	12.02	96	75	85	
Natchez	91	67	80	80	-0	0.75	-0.01	1	4.50				
Oakley	92	66	80			0.09	-1.12	1	7.24	89	79	85	
Vicksburg	90	70	80			0.72		1	8.75				
Extreme/Average	92	66	80	80	-0	0.57	-0.42	2	8.13	96	75	85	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	67	79	80	-1	8.65	+7.38	3	11.55				
McComb	93	68	79	79	+0	5.76	+4.78	4	8.89				
Extreme/Average	93	67	79	79	-0	7.21	+6.08	4	10.22				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	96	67	80			3.89		4	8.97	97	73	82	
Hattiesburg	92	67	80	79	+1	2.33	+1.18	3	10.96				
Laurel													
Meridian	91	67	79	79	-0	1.54	+0.69	4	6.88				
Newton	91	66	79	78	+2	0.96	+0.08	3	4.95	89	70	80	0.20
Extreme/Average	96	66	80	79	+1	2.18	+1.22	4	7.94	97	70	81	0.20
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	67	79			1.82		3	4.41				
Biloxi	88	70	81			0.31		3	8.24				
Gulfport													
Pascagoula	88	70											
Poplarville	93	68	80	80	-0	2.43	+1.59	4	7.24	99	73	82	4.62
Extreme/Average	94	67	80	80	+0	1.52	+0.68	3	6.63	99	73	82	4.62
State	96	57	79	79	+0	2.34	+1.44	3	8.33	101	70	82	0.50

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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